



MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MUHAMMAD

Greetings Town Residents:

I would like to wish everyone a Happy, Blessed, with Favor and Grace, New Year!! 2019 was very busy, with many projects completed, or now underway. We plan to update you with regards to accomplishments and projects in upcoming newsletters. Feel free to attend our Town Council meetings, or visit us online at forestheightsmd.gov for additional information.

TOWN ELECTIONS FOR THE COUNCILPERSON IN WARDS I,II &III TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11th, 2020

In accordance with Section 33-31 of the Forest Heights Town Charter persons may be nominated for elective office in the Town by filing a certificate of nomination together with a statement of the particular office to which he/she aspires, with the Town Clerk on or before the first Wednesday in February preceding the Town election. Such certificate shall state (1) the office for which the person is seeking, (2) the name and signature of the candidate, (3) the ward in which the person resides, (4) a statement that he/she meets the qualifications for the office as contained in this charter. No person shall file for nomination to more than one elective Town public office or hold more than one elective Town public office at any one time. The Town Board of Elections shall review each certificate of nomination and shall certify that the candidate meets the qualification contained in this Charter. Any certificate of a candidate, that the Board's judgment does not meet the qualifications, shall be returned to the candidate with the reasons for the return stated thereon. Certificate of Nominations may be obtained from the Municipal Building.

Qualifications: Candidates shall have resided in the Wards of the Town they represent for at least one year immediately preceding their election, shall be qualified voters of the Town, and shall maintain a permanent residence in the Town during their term of office.

If you have recently moved into Forest Heights from somewhere else in Prince George County or moved from one Ward to another Ward you must provide the County Board of Elections Supervisor with your new address or if you have never registered to vote in Prince George County, a voter registration application must be submitted to your local board of elections or the State Board of Elections at any time. However, applications must be postmarked by February 19, 2020, to vote in the Town Election.

Registration application may be obtained from the Municipal Building in Forest Heights. For any additional information regarding election registration, please contact the Town Clerk or the Prince George County Board of Election at (301) 430-8020.

Absentee Voters may make an application in writing for an absentee ballot. The application must be received no later than 7 days before the election. The application shall contain an affidavit, which need not be under oath, but which shall set forth the information required. Please contact the Town Clerk of Forest Heights for additional information.

Taking a phrase from President John F. Kennedy's inauguration speech "*Ask not what your country can do for you, but what can you do for your country*" and inserting the words "*Town of Forest Heights*". We must all participate in our town government, by serving as elected officials, participating in decision making, by serving on committees and boards, attending town meetings and most importantly by voting on Election Day. Let all of the citizen's work together to make Forest Heights a Town we are proud to live in.



*You can pick up a Nominee form at the
Town Municipal Building
Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm*

Community News

The Town of Forest Heights will be CLOSED Monday, January 20, 2020 for MLK Day. We will re-open on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

Town of Forest Heights/ Forest Heights 2020 Census Christmas Basket Giveaway

The Town of Forest Heights gave out several Christmas Baskets to residents in need this season. We hope everyone had a safe and restful holidays. Thanks to everyone who lent a hand to help their neighbor. Thanks to Chief Anthony Rease and the Forest Heights Police Department for delivering the Christmas baskets.



COAT DRIVE SUCCESS

The Town of Forest Heights wrapped up its coat drive on Friday, December 20th, 2019. We collected numerous coats for all ages, and thank residents for their generosity in helping our community.



SHOP WITH A COP

On Friday, December 13, 2019, the Forest Heights Police Department participated in the annual county-wide "Shop with a Cop" program, where elementary school students in town got to shop with our police officers. They also helped out with the larger county-wide effort on Saturday, December 14 in Hyattsville.

Thanks to the Oxon Hill Target, who donated gift cards for the children to use during the event. Thanks to the Forest Heights Police Department and Forest Heights staff for their hard work.



FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR SERVICE DECEMBER 2019

911 DISCONNECT	34	SCHOOL ALARM	1
ACCIDENT	6	STOLEN VEHICLE	3
ASSIST	1	SUBJECT STOP	3
BLS COMBINED	2	SUSPICIOUS PERSON (s)	6
BREAK IN IN PROGRESS	1	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	3
CDS COMPLAINT	2	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE (occupied)	7
CHECK WELFARE	3	THEFT JO	1
CHECK WELFARE COMBINED	2	THEFT REPORT	2
DEATH REPORT COMBINED.	1	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	6
DISORDERLY	18	UNKNOWN TROUBLE	18
DOMESTIC	10	VANDALISM	1
DOMESTIC W/WEAPON	3	VEHICLE ACCIDENT COMBINED	3
FAMILY DISPUTE	6	WARRANT SERVICE	1
FIGHT	2	Total Calls Handled:	230
FOUND	1		
GUNSHOTS	1		
HIT AND RUN	3		
LOCK OUT IN	1		
LOST PROPERTY	2		
MISC POLICE INCIDENTS	5		
NOTIFICATION	1		
PREMISE CHECK	51		
PROPERTY DAMAGE	5		
RESIDENTIAL ALARM	11		
RESIDENTIAL PANIC ALARM	1		

POLICE STATION

5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE

This Station is Open to the Public

Monday through Friday

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

301-839-4040

(Emergency) 911 (Non-Emergency)

(301) 352-1200



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FOREST HEIGHTS SANTA RUN

On Tuesday, December 24, 2019, Mayor Muhammad, Councilwoman Taunya Hines, the Forest Heights Police Department, and the Oxon Hill Fire Department rode through Forest Heights with Santa, and gave out presents to residents waiting outside of their homes.

Thanks to Police Chief Rease and Chief Mark Adkins of the Oxon Hill Fire Department for helping to arrange this special treat for our Town. Thanks to all our officers, Mayor Muhammad, and Councilwoman Hines for their hard work in bringing holiday cheer.

It is that spirit of giving that sets Forest Heights apart as a special, tight knit community with many cultures and one voice.



FOREST HEIGHTS TREE LIGHTING

The Town of Forest Heights held its annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Community Gathering Place on Friday, December 6, 2019 at 6pm. We served hot chocolate and sang festive Holiday carols.

Thanks to Ed's Plant World for donating the tree, and to Councilwoman Taunya Hines for putting together this celebration that lights up our Town for all to see.



TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

COME OUT FOR OUR

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

THURSDAY

January 16, 2020
6:30-7:30 PM

5508 ARAPAHOE DRIVE
FOREST HEIGHTS, MD 20745

Community News Continued

2019 CHILDRENS HOLIDAY PARTY

The Town of Forest Heights hosted its annual Children's Holiday Party on Saturday, December 21, 2019 at the Municipal Building. Town staff transformed the meeting hall into a winter wonderland for our party.



Mayor Muhammad stops by to enjoy the festivities.

We had over 70 guests who took part in such activities as cookie decorating, story time, Elf scavenger hunt, musical chairs, and, perhaps the most popular, the "S'more Station". We even had a visit from Santa himself!

In addition to helping spread holiday cheer, the Town of Forest Heights also reached out to residents to spread awareness about the upcoming 2020 Census. It is important that everyone take the time to spread the word about how impactful an accurate count is. By taking the time to register online or in person, you are ensuring that the community gets its share of funding for vital services.

Thanks to Mike's Liquors and Henry's Soul Café for their donations.

Thanks to Councilwoman Taunya Hines for organizing the event, and the volunteers and the Forest Heights staff for helping to make this event truly memorable.



Mrs. Claus shares holiday stories with several partygoers.



Guests play holiday games like the ball toss for the chance to win festive wear.



Santa draws a long line and big smiles this holiday.

Community News Continued

FOREST HEIGHTS SENIOR GALA

On Saturday, December 14, 2019, the Town of Forest Heights hosted its Holiday Senior Gala to great success.

Instead of having a holiday luncheon at a nearby restaurant, this year, we decided to bring the celebration to the Town. This was done so that we could offer more space and give more people the opportunity to attend. We had over 75 guests. Thanks to the Forest Heights staff and Forest Heights Police Department for taking the time to serve meals to our seniors. Thanks to Mr. Francis DiSalvo, BP Gas, and Shoppers for their donations, and thanks to everyone for coming together as a community. We look forward to a new year full of service and celebration. If you want to get involved or learn more about upcoming Town events, please call 301-839-1030.



DECEMBER SEMINAR: CPR

On Monday, December 9, 2019, the Town of Forest Heights hosted a lesson on CPR, with Ms. Marnishia Moore our Healthy Heights Program Coordinator demonstrating the technique on mannequins. We had a great turnout of people ready to learn this lifesaving information.



The next seminar will be **MONDAY, JANUARY 13** from 1-2pm on memory loss. If you want to sign up for these events, please RSVP by calling 301-839-1030 or emailing mmoore@forestheightsmd.gov. These classes are free for Forest Heights residents. Please let us know if there are any topics that you think we should cover!



GET COUNTED FOR THE CENSUS

The 2020 Census is around the corner, and we are urging everyone to get involved, spread the word, and participate. Representation matters. An accurate count means more funding for services for our Town, County, and community. It funds our roads, schools, SNAP, and so many other programs. Prince George's County has an estimated 2.3 percent undercount per year, which may not seem like much, but adds up to millions of dollars lost in services. Invitations to participate in the Census will be sent out to households starting in March. The deadline to complete the Census is **April 1, 2020**.



Community News Continued

Are you doing all you can for your health?
Senior Exercise Class meets Mondays and Wednesdays.
Class Begins at 12:00 Noon.



A message from the Forest Heights Exercise class:

We did it again! The Fearless Fit and Fabulous Exercise class enjoyed our fourth annual Christmas Party. Our seniors delighted us with their talents. Thanks to our program director Ms. Patricia Wright, our Healthy Heights Coordinator Ms. Marnishia Moore, and Mayor Muhammad for coordinating our Exercise Class Holiday Party.

WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Looking to save money on monthly utility bills? Apply for weatherization upgrades that can make your home more energy efficient. Applications can be found at the Forest Heights Municipal Building or online at <http://www.e2f2.us/blog/>. You must meet income criteria and be willing to submit proof of income. **Veterans and Retired homeowners will be given preference.** For more information, visit the Municipal Building or call Mrs. Sherletta Hawkins or Ms. Kathleen Via at 301-839-1030. See below for income requirements.

Number of People Living in House	Owner(s) Only Annual Income Must Be Less than	Number of People Living in House	Owner(s) Only Annual Income Must Be Less than
1 ➡	\$69,800.00	2 ➡	\$79,750.00
3 ➡	\$89,700.00	4 ➡	\$99,600.00
5 ➡	\$107,600.00	6 ➡	\$115,600.00
7 ➡	\$123,600.00	8 ➡	\$131,600.00

TAX SEASON IS HERE

The deadline to submit your tax return is April 15, 2020, but you should start preparing for it now. Please be sure to put Forest Heights as your address, and use the Town of Forest Heights Tax Code (1728) instead of Prince George's County. By putting Forest Heights on your tax code and driver's license you are ensuring that the tax revenue gets directed to the Town and the 4 schools within the municipality.




REMINDER: REAL ID

If you are renewing your driver's license, or having it updated as part of the Real ID program, please remember to have your address listed as Forest Heights, and not Oxon Hill. Starting October 1, 2020, you will need a Real ID to board commercial domestic flights or enter a federal facility. Required documents include identification such as a birth certificate, a proof of social security like your Social Security card (or W-2), and at least two proofs of residential address such as vehicle registration, voter registration, or utility bills. Contact the MVA for a full list or to make an appointment.




Community Calendars

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1. New Years Day. Town Hall Closed 	2 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	3	4
5	6 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Senior Exercise 12-1PM MAYOR/ COUNCIL WORKSESSION 7:30 pm 	7 Public Hearing on North Huron Drive Sidewalks Project 7:00 pm	8 Senior Exercise 12-1pm	9 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	10	11
12	13 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Senior Exercise 12-1pm Seminar 1-2pm	14	15 Senior Exercise 12-1pm MAYOR/ COUNCIL TOWN MEETING 8pm 	16 Bulk Trash 3 items or less NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH 6:30 pm	17	18
19	20 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup MLK Day. Town Hall Closed	21	22 Senior Exercise 12-1pm	23 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	24	25
26	27 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Senior Exercise 12-1pm	28	29 Senior Exercise 12-1pm	30 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	31	

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Groundhog Day	3 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Senior Exercise 12-1pm MAYOR/ COUNCIL WORKSESSION 7:30 pm 	4	5 Senior Exercise 12-1pm	6 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	7	8
9	10 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Seminar 1-2pm Senior Exercise 12-1pm	11	12 Senior Exercise 12-1pm	13 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	14	15
16	17 Presidents Day. Town Hall Closed. Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup	18	19 Senior Exercise 12-1pm MAYOR/ COUNCIL TOWN MEETING 8pm Deadline for Certificate of Nomination for Town Election	20 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Neighborhood Watch 6:30pm	21	22
23	24 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Senior Exercise 12-1pm	25	26 Senior Exercise 12-1pm	27 Bulk Trash 3 items or less	28	29

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Community News (continued)

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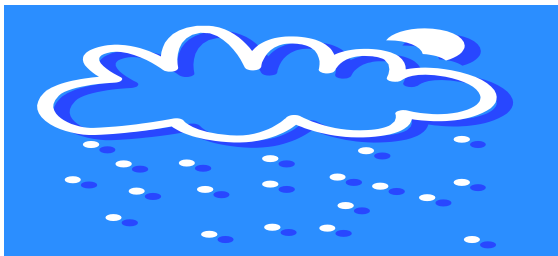


If you or someone you know is not receiving the Newsletter, call 301-839-1030 or email kvvia@forestheightsmd.gov. You can also view the newsletters online at forestheightsmd.gov.

PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THE PARKING POLICY FOR SNOW EMERGENCIES

As stated in the Town Ordinance Section 15.3.2: Except as necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or a traffic control device, no person shall stop, stand or park any vehicle or operate a truck or commercial vehicle as stated below in any of the following places within the Town:

On the side of any street opposite the streetlight poles during a snow created state of emergency as declared by Prince George's County pursuant to effective snow emergency plans. Vehicles so parked may be impounded pursuant to Section 15.7.



Trash/Recycle Collection is to be placed at the curb the night before collection.



PICK-UP DAYS BEGIN AT 6:30 a.m.

MONDAY—Trash, Yard Waste & Recycling

Forest Heights Residents:

Yard Waste must be placed in paper bags or trash cans marked Yard Waste.

Tree limbs must be tied together in small bundles

Not to exceed 4 feet in length.

THURSDAY—Bulk (Three Items or Less)

METAL PICK-UP : Metal placed on the curb will be picked up by Public Works for a minimum of \$35.00 (paid in advance)

Propane Tank Pick-ups are \$30 each: Tires \$15.00 each.

Mayor Habib-Ullah Muhammad—ext. 1223

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Information Line (240) 493-6998

Non-Emergency (301) 352-1200

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

www.forestheightsmd.gov

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Phone (301) 839-1030 Fax (301) 839-9236

8:30a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Forest Heights Notary (by appointment)

9 am -12:30 pm, 1:30 pm-4:30 pm Monday - Friday